(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per the 'Selected Information on School Education in India 2004-05 and 2005-06' education for girls upto secondary level in Government schools in most of the States is either already free or only a nominal fee is charged. The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) supports Government schools at primary level in all States and UTs to provide free education to all girls, through augmentation of school infrastructure, incentives and community mobilization. Also, 'education' being a concurrent subject, school education primarily comes under the purview of the State Governments.

Infrastructure in new IITs

†1415. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has started admission process in six new IITs set up during the current academic session;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a huge shortage of infrastructure, campus, teachers and experts in all these IITs;

(d) if so, the reasons for setting up of these IITs without proper planning and full preparation; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government for development of their infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The Government have decided to set up eight new Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. Out of these eight, classes have commenced from temporary campuses in the first six new IITs from the current academic year of 2008-09 with an initial intake of approximately 120 B.Tech. students in each IIT.

(c) to (e) Since these Institutions had to be set up in a time bound manner, they have started functioning from temporary premises just like the older IITs when these were established. As far as staff is concerned, each IIT has been sanctioned 30 faculty posts every year for the first three years. In the meanwhile the mentoring Institutes are sending their faculty to the new Institutes. There is provision of funds for the new IITs in the XIth Five Year Plan. The six new IITs in Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Orissa and Punjab have commenced their session this year from temporary campuses, for which initial funds have been released to them. The concerned State Governments have committed to provide enough land to set up the permanent campuses of the eight new IITs. Each of the new IITs is being mentored by an existing IIT.

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